



**SUDDEN DEATH TRAIL BEGINS . . .** Three Torrance high schools qualified for the 99-team CIF basketball playoffs this week, and already Bishop Montgomery is eliminated. The Knights lost to Corona Del Mar, 66-46, and one of the high scorers for the Sea Kings was

Steve Leech, who retrieves basketball in photo at left. North High will play a first round "AAA" game against St. Anthony's at home Tuesday, and two men expected to carry a big load are Bill Taylor and Jim Nielson (center photo). Here they watch out for Mark Spring-

er, who dribbles at the baseline. Torrance High, which is competing in the playoffs for the third straight year, is led by a platoon of players, including Dick Kreul, leaping for a shot (at right) against Leuzinger. (Press-Herald photos by Mike Eggers)

# 'Gundo Eyes Basketball's 'Brass Ring'

The CIF "AAA" basketball playoffs get underway Tuesday with North High host to runner up St. Anthony's of the Catholic League. Torrance High was tentatively scheduled to play home team to runner up Rancho Alamitos of the Garden Grove League. Game time for both events is 8 p.m.

Undefeated El Segundo (30-0) is top-seeded for the "AAA" division basketball play-offs.

Coach Cliff Warren's Eagles, seeking to become the CIF's first undefeated "AAA" team since 1952, are paired against the second place Warren High of the Coast League.

"Coach" Warren said he did not feel his team would feel the pressure of the 30 game streak in the play-offs. "All year long you wait for the CIF play-offs and you have to be lucky and good to make it through the five games undefeated. Certainly there's some pressure, but it should not effect our play."

"Torrance and Morningside are still the teams to be reckoned with as far as we're concerned," said Warren. "There's no doubt these are two real tough teams."

El Segundo is supported by its big three of

John Pleick (6-8), Ed Hora (6-8) and Dana Pagett (6-1). Pleick averages 20.4, Pagett 17.1, and Hora is amazing with his outside shooting. One stretch two weeks ago Hora hit on 20 of 21 shots from the field over a three-game span.

Morningside and Torrance both represent the Sky League in the playoffs. If a flip-of-the-coin is required to determine the league's No. 1 and No. 2 berths, No. 1 team will have an opening round home game against Garden Grove League, No. 2 team Rancho Alamitos, and will be in the same upper bracket with El Segundo.

The No. 2 Sky League team would be in the opposite bracket and be the traveling team against San Gabriel Valley champion Sante Fe.

The No. 2 team would also face a possible second round game against the winner of the Compton (Coast League) vs. Aviation (Pioneer League) opener. Compton is second seeded.

Morningside has a veteran team headed by Stan Love, the posed 6-7 All-CIF center candidate. Nat Baumer, Dave Penso, Kurt Stenderup and Jim Bouton are also responsible for the Monarchs' 23-4 record.

Torrance, inspite of its 21-8 record, has the ingredients for a CIF champion contender. Bart Johnson and Robin Fisher have been in the playoffs two previous years, Dick Kreul was on hand last year, and Steve Jasper has no fears of tough competition.

The darkhorse in the CIF playoffs is North High of Torrance. The Saxons have a 26-3 record, having lost three tournament games in December.

Coach Skip Enger of North says of his quintet, "This is a very young ball club, only two lettermen on the team, Jim Nielson (6-8, junior center) and Bill Albin (6-1, senior guard)."

North Torrance has three juniors, one sophomore and one senior in the starting lineup which leads Enger to comment, "This club completed the best season won-lost record in the school's history to date in spite of youthfulness. They have been amazingly consistent."

Joining Nielson and Albin in the starting unit are Dan Hansen (6-2, junior) at a guard spot. Taylor is the "little" brother of USC's seven-foot center Ron Taylor.



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## Season Basketball Records

Torrance Hi		North High	
Santa Monica	104-57	West	70-54
North	80-83	Torrance	lost 80-83
Morningside	lost 80-77	Redondo	89-44
Aviation	80-59	Loyola	72-61
Burbank	81-75	Warren	66-59
Pius X	lost 75-74	Long Beach Jordan	85-61
Montebello	78-62	Crescenta Valley	41-40
Bellflower	78-64	St. Anthony's	66-55
Morningside	lost 77-73	Buena	lost 87-83
Beverly Hills	lost 97-94	Culver City	72-50
Leuzinger	102-87	Santa Monica	89-41
St. Anthony's	88-87	Redondo	82-47
South	91-87	Alta Loma	80-55
Long Beach Wilson	122-104	Bell Gardens	86-61
Long Beach Jordan	88-86	El Segundo	lost 59-50
Millikan	lost 88-85	Hawthorne	79-59
Long Beach Poly	91-69	Mira Costa	66-42
Morningside	lost 78-77	Inglewood	77-46
Culver City	87-56	South	89-52
Beverly Hills	88-83	Santa Monica	75-54
Rolling Hills	87-72	Mayfair	89-52
North	84-62	Torrance	72-64
El Segundo	lost 75-59	Redondo	48-47
Leuzinger	82-70	Hawthorne	84-56
Rolling Hills	82-64	Mira Costa	61-44
Culver City	48-38	Inglewood	72-52
Beverly Hills	82-76	South	45-34
Rolling Hills	96-58	Santa Monica	72-52
Leuzinger	80-73	Redondo	66-45

Record: 21 Wins, 8 Losses.

## SOUTH LOSES

### Saxons Unbeaten In Bay League

By JERRY REYNOLDS  
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North High's Saxons will take a 12-0 Bay League record into the CIF Three-A basketball playoffs Tuesday, thanks to a 56-45 victory over a pesky Redondo team Friday.

The Saxons, unbeaten Bay League champs, ran their season mark to 26-3, but it wasn't until the final period that North really put the whammy on the Seahawks.

Redondo, in fact, led for a good part of the evening.

And what a way to finish. Consider these points:

- There was no scoring for 4:11, including two missed free throws by Redondo and one by North.
- It took Redondo coach Rex Hughes exactly 2:13 to get his usual technical foul for jawing at the officials.
- North almost started the second half with a four-man team and was forced to call a time out in order to get the fifth man in the game—all before the clock could be started.
- Officials missed a 1-and-1 situation on free throws for North.
- And, finally, the clocks somehow got mixed up. One clock sounded the game-ending buzzer while the other showed 59 seconds remaining. After a pow-wow with officials it was decided there were, indeed, 59 seconds left.
- And in between, Hughes kept banging his fist against the bleachers, making more noise on occasion than both cheering sections combined.

Despite the oddities, however, it was a basketball game. Redondo simply refused to be awed by the Saxons.

The Seahawks held a 25-20 advantage at halftime, and had given up only a 1-point edge to the Saxons at the end of the third period.

Bruce Gerhardt and Steve Sims kept Redondo in the

## Basketball Standings

### Bay League

Team	W	L	PF	PA
North	12	0	806	565
Mira Costa	8	4	679	628
South	8	6	676	725
Redondo	5	6	682	697
Santa Monica	6	6	627	659
Inglewood	3	9	579	653
Hawthorne	1	11	624	753

### Pioneer League

Team	W	L	PF	PA
El Segundo	10	0	695	454
Aviation	7	3	643	501
Beverly Hills	6	4	589	494
West	5	5	648	592
Lennox	1	9	446	755
Lawnside	1	9	487	693

### Sky League

Team	W	L	PF	PA
Torrance	9	1	817	663
Morningside	9	1	801	600
Beverly Hills	5	5	772	770
Culver City	5	5	788	824
Leuzinger	3	7	717	747
Rolling Hills	0	10	613	884

### Friday's Results

Torrance 90, Leuzinger 73.  
Morningside 82, Rolling Hills 76.  
Beverly Hills 94, Culver City 77.

## FOUR TEAMS WIN TITLES FOR NORTH

The longest dirt-track motorcycle race in the nation—the 100-lap steeplechase championships—has been scheduled for Ascot Park Sunday afternoon, March 5.

Managing Director J. C. Agajanian expects the event to attract nearly all the tourist-trophy standouts in the West.

The fastest 33 experts and amateurs will qualify for the 100-lapper.

There will be a full novice race meet as a prelude.

First major cycle racing event in the nation, the 100-lap meet should draw such aces as Eddie Mulder, the U.S. steeplechase champion; veteran Skip Van Leeuwen, Jack Simmons, Gene Romero, Dan Haaby, Dick Hammer, Ralph White and Mert Lawwill.

The March race will be the final daytime event of the winter season, the cycle riders will then switch to the regular Friday evening competition in early April, plus the occasional Saturday night races.

**LAKE STOCKED**  
Big Rock Creek and Jackson Lake have been stocked with rainbow trout.

South defeated Mira Costa, 56-47, in a junior varsity basketball game Friday night. Mira Costa took the B game, 56-50.

John F. Janssen, a veteran of over 31 years with the Department of Fish and Game, has been named Fisheries Attache by the State Department in Lima, Peru.

## Cincinnati Battles L. A. In Basketball

Cincinnati makes its final appearance of the 1966-67 season at the Sports Arena tonight when the Royals take on the Lakers in a 7:05 NBA clash.

Oscar Robertson, Cincy's six-time all-pro star, intends to make more of an appearance than he did Wednesday night when the Royals were shaded, 103-102, by Los Angeles.

The Big O got in just 27 minutes of playing time—time enough, however, for 20 points and eight assists—before being thumbed out of the ball game early in the third period for two technicals brought on by an "over-zealous" protest of a three-second violation call.

Even with Robertson off the floor for the final 21 minutes of play, the Royals made it another down-to-the-wire thriller with Los Angeles having to outscore the visitors 29-17 in the final period to snap a three-game losing streak.

Steve Sciarra was off target early in the game and was benched. When he returned with 3½ minutes to go he got three goals for a point total of 10.

The loss ended an 11-game win streak for Montgomery and left the team with a 20-4 record.

Cor. Del Mar (66), Montgomery (46), Leech (22), F. Saboak (10), Morrisett (2), F. Ymolovich (8), Yule (24), C. Garbanati (6), Bailey (5), G. Graham (10), Kindelon (10), G. Sciarra (10), Corona Del Mar . . . 18 15 10 28-46  
Montgomery . . . 10 17 4 15-46

Scoring subs: Corona Del Mar—none; Montgomery—Wurm (6), Wiggins (2).

## Youth Soccer Standings

### SECOND DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA
Hornets	9	0	2	20	37	13
Blue Jets	6	3	1	13	29	21
Firefighters	3	3	2	8	23	21
Comets	3	4	2	10	17	26
Cougars	0	9	2	2	9	37

### FIRST DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA
Panthers	7	2	1	15	27	19
Blue Jets	6	3	1	13	29	21
Firefighters	3	3	2	8	23	21
Comets	3	4	2	10	17	26
Bulldogs	1	7	2	4	9	32

### Results Saturday

Hornets 7, Mustangs 2.  
Comets 1, Cougars 0.  
Firefighters 3, Bulldogs 0.

### Schedule Saturday

Comets vs. Mustangs, 12 noon.  
Panthers vs. Bulldogs, 1:15.  
Blue Jets vs. Firefighters, 2:30

## Knights Foul Out, 66-46

By HENRY BURKE  
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Corona Del Mar's 20 field goals and 26 free throws silenced Bishop Montgomery High's first effort in the CIF basketball play Friday night, 66-46.

The host Knights were detected for 23 personals to 6 for the Sea Kings. That was pretty much the story of the game.

The two high scorers for Corona Del Mar were 6-8 center John Yule (24) and forward Steve Leech (22). Yule made 7 layups and 10 free

## West Bees Unbeaten

West High's Bee basketball team locked up the Pioneer League championship last night with a 75-51 victory over Aviation. West is 10-0 in the league and 24-2 on the season.

Jim Parton scored 27 points for the Warriors and Harold Smalley, who was playing Cee basketball two weeks ago, scored 22.

West (10) F. Hitchcock (13), Kendrick (7), F. Greenwood (4), Smalley (22), C. Gray (6), Mason (3), G. Bunch (15), Parton (27), G. Montague (14), West High . . . 27 12 20 17-75  
Aviation . . . 18 17 5 11-51

Scoring subs: West—Toberty (2), Thomas (2), Carter (2)

## 5-Under Par Wins Playoff

Ladies playoff for first place at Hackers Haven was won by Charlene Gates with 5-under par 22 over Lyn Seccrest with 3-under par 24.

Leaders in the Senior (50 years and older) Tournament are Tony Frye with 52, Spec Walroth 52, and Dave McMillan 53. This is an 18-hole event.